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NEXT AIRINGS OF WORLD OF RADIO 1205:
RFPI: Mon 0030, 0630, 1230, Wed 0100, 0730 on 7445 [may be off air]
WBCQ: Mon 0515 on 7415
WWCR: Wed 1030 on 9475

WRN ONDEMAND:
http://new.wrn.org/listeners/stations/station.php?StationID=24
OUR ONDEMAND AUDIO [also for CONTINENT OF MEDIA, MUNDO RADIAL]:
Check http://www.worldofradio.com/audiomid.html
WORLD OF RADIO 1205 (high version):
[Note: high version lacks the final 25 seconds, propagation]
(stream) http://www.w4uvh.net/wor1205h.ram
(download) http://www.w4uvh.net/wor1205h.rm
(summary) http://www.worldofradio.com/wor1205.html
WORLD OF RADIO 1205 (low version):
(stream) http://www.w4uvh.net/wor1205.ram
(download) http://www.w4uvh.net/wor1205.rm

WORLD OF RADIO ON WRMI: Confirmed at new time of 1900+ UT Sat Nov 1 via IBC Radio on 15725.

WORLD OF RADIO ON RFPI: Have not confirmed it lately on this station due to all the disruptions, but we were on at 2332 UT Sat Nov 1 on

7445; not repeated at 0530 UT Sun.

** AFGHANISTAN. BBECIL is constructing a 100 KW sw radio transmitter in Kabul with uplink facilities to expand its reach beyond the mountain ranges...
http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/cms.dll/html/uncomp/articleshow?msid=260183
(via Jilly Dybka, TN, DXLD) Full version of previous item

** AFGHANISTAN. Afghan transmitter sites --- Internet research brought two pictures featuring destroyed transmission facilities:

http://www.mediasupport.org/afghanistan%20pics.htm
and
http://www.growbag.com/photographers/simonnorfolk/afghanistan/10.html

The latter picture is described as "damaged FM radio antennae at Yachka Tot, eastern Kabul", but this appears to be a double cone for shortwave (Kai Ludwig, Germany, Nov 1, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AFGHANISTAN [non]. RUSSIA --- Afghanistan Peace broadcaster now on 7350 at 1630-1730 Fris only via Armavir, 100 kW 104 degrees (Michael Bethge, Germany, WWDXC Germany Oct 28, BC-DX via DXLD)

** ARGENTINA. 15820-LSB, Radio Rivadavia (tentative); 2246-2310+, 29-Oct; Very excited M in Spanish with game call. Many mentions of Argentina and tentative Rivadavia during call. Surprisingly best on 215' wire--3.4 wave lengths. SIO=253 (Harold Frodge, MI, MARE via DXLD)

** ARMENIA. Voice of Armenia B03 schedule --- I heard Voice of Armenia's English broadcast last night at 2040 UT; they announced their current schedule as:

2040-2100 on 4810 and 9960 (not Sunday)
0910-0930 on 4810 and 15270 (Sundays only)

Reception was good at 2040 on both frequencies. 73s (Dave Kenny, UK, Nov 1, BDXC-UK via DXLD)

** AUSTRALIA. Looks like RA changed things again. Sunday, 2 Nov, at 1305 UT (really 1310), they aired "Encounter" instead of The Science Show. Very disappointing. They DID have The Science Show on at this time last week, after the time change, though there was a delayed start with music fill after the news. The Science Show came on at 1405; unfortunately by then I was away from my main receiver and using a portable which had much poorer & noisier reception (Will Martin, MO, swprograms via DXLD) I expect they are phasing in program changes, as the frequency changes won`t be until Nov 17. 9580? (gh, DXLD)

** BELGIUM [non]. 7560, 25.10 2040, Radio TDP with absolutely senseless techno-music, definitely for other ears than mine. Ugh! S 4-5 BEFF (Bjˆrn Fransson, Sweden, SW Bulletin Nov 2, translated by editor Thomas Nilsson for DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BERMUDA. 2582, Bermuda Harbor Radio at 0037 sign-on. USB. Good. OM with English (Bermuda?) accent. Out 0041 25 Oct (Liz Cameron, Brighton MI DXpedition, MARE via DXLD)

** BOLIVIA. 4876.8, La Cruz del Sur; 2312-23+, 24-Oct; M&W with operatic vocal music to commentary on Baptists in Bolivia at 2313 ID. All in Spanish. SIO=252/ USB helps (Harold Frodge, Brighton MI MARE DXPedition via DXLD) 4876.8, Cruz del Sur 2309-2330 Oct 24. Folk music and OM in Aymara. ID. Spanish announcements of events of the Instituto Bautista in La Paz. More music. Fair (Don Moore, ibid.)

** BURMA [non]. MYANMAR [non]. Re: DVB [Democratic Voice of Burma] changing morning broadcast to 5945: That would be via Germany and Madagascar resp. (gh) 5945 is usually Tashkent, Uzbekistan site (Wolfgang B¸schel, BC-DX Nov 1 via DXLD)

** CAMBODIA. Is regular in the last few days, yes including today Oct 28, 0000-0030, 1200-1230 no announcements, only Khmer songs. Some distortion in the audio but frequency is 11940 (G. Victor Goonetilleke, Sri Lanka, 4S7VK, DXplorer via BC-DX via DXLD)

** CANADA. Radio Canada International: No new programs, but...

RCI will do its usual schedule shuffle, though no changes in the programs themselves will occur. CBC's Northern Quebec shortwave service will advance one hour UT with the return to Standard Time. Speaking of the Northern Quebec service, most of the Saturday and Sunday hours are in English, offering you a chance to catch some domestic gems that don't make their way onto RCI. One such gem is a radio satire feature, What A Week, airing Saturdays 1630. What A Week looks at recent domestic and international news events; while I am not up enough on domestic politics to follow all of the laughs, a piece on postwar Iraq was a hoot. This might be a repeat from earlier this year, as the program's webpage only mentions a 12-week schedule of programs airing from April to June of 2003 (Richard Cuff, Easy Listening, Nov NASWA Journal via DXLD)

** CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC [non]. UAE: R Ndeke Luka / R Hirondelle / R Swallow in French/Singo [sic], on 11785 daily at 1900-2000 UT, 250 kW at 245 degrees, via Dhabbaya-UAE. Ex-on 15545 via Woofferton-UK 300 kW / 170 degrees (Michael Bethge, Germany, WWDXC Germany Oct 28 via BC-DX via DXLD)

[ex-]15545, R Ndeke Luka, Bangui, via Woofferton [now via Dhabbaya-UAE, see above, wb] I received today after 29 days a nice QSL-card and a personal message in French on a Fondation Hirondelle postcard with photo of children being interviewed in Bangui. The handwritten text (translated to English) was:

"Dear Sir, thank you for your e-mail on 28-09. We have received reception reports from France, Sweden, Nigeria, Australia, Germany, Finland, Norway, U.S.A. and Denmark. Greetings (D. Bolle ?) who also was the verie signer.

The envelope was dispatched from Fondation Hirondelle, 3 Rue TraversiËre, 1018 Lausanne, Switzerland. Telephone: +41 [0] 21-647 28 05. My e-mail report was sent to ndekeluka@h... [truncated] (Anker Petersen, Denmark, DXplorer Oct 29 via BC-DX Nov 1 via DXLD)

** CHINA. Xinjiang PBS is now back on its winter frequencies as per WRTH 2003 (Olle Alm, Sweden, Nov 2, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA [non]. Glenn, CRI on 9690 at 0300 tonight is all Chinese. No English (John H. Carver Jr., Mid-North Indiana, UT Nov 2, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Scheduling or feed mixup? Spain relay; inaudible at 0355 check here (gh, OK, DXLD)

** COLOMBIA. 2080.12 harmonic, "La Caucana 10-40", QTH probably Popay·n, Nov 1 2003 - 1040 UT. I wonder if "La B·sica 10-40" in Popay·n has a new name? ID this morning "Radio 10-40" or "La Caucana 10-40". In any case the station is still with "Red Sonora" as announced. Harmonic from 1040 kHz (2 x 1040.06).

10262V, L V del Guaviare, San JosÈ de Guaviare, Oct 24 2003 - 0215 UT. I don`t really know where this spurious (?) signal comes from as the station is steady on 1180 and 6035 kHz. Good but distorted signal and a clear ID. The program was not // to 6035 kHz and it was the religious "LV de la LiberaciÛn" sent from Villavicencio (Bjˆrn Malm, Quito, Ecuador, SW Bulletin Nov 2, translated by editor Thomas Nilsson for DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** COOK ISLANDS. RADIO COOK ISLANDS ON SW

Kia Orana Niki, Back in late 1992 or early 1993, DXers were puzzled as to the disappearance or lack of loggings of Radio Cook Islands on its 11760 frequency in the 25 meterband. I was curious, too, as RCI was one of my favorite stations to enjoy when the ionosphere cooperated.

In April of 1993 I won an award at my workplace that allowed me to take a trip to the destination of my choice. After some consideration,

I chose the Cook Islands. Part of my reason was to visit the studios of Radio Cook Island and investigate for myself.

Once on the main island of Rarotonga I discovered that RCI was booming in on 630 kHz mediumwave, but was no where to be found on or nearby 11760 kHz. I listened day and night over the first half of a week for the signal, without success.

On a beautiful, warm Thursday morning in the Cooks, I strolled through downtown Rarotonga and easily located the facilities of RCI. I introduced myself to the receptionist, and explained my curiousity at the absence of a shortwave signal from their station. She became a bit upset, and INSISTED that they were on the air on shortwave-- she rustled a newspaper in my face and pointed to their advertisement: "Radio Cook Islands, 630 MW, 11760 SW". Of course we're on the air, she said, "it's right here in the paper".

Eventually I spoke with two engineers, who told me that a transmitter fire in a local "telecomm" building (shared with Rarotonga's phone company equipment) had burned down the RCI shortwave transmitter some months earlier. I don't recall if they mentioned a date, but I got the impression it had happened four or five months before my visit (the gentlemen were very soft-spoken in English with a strong Rarotongan accent). They also said that they had no plans to rebuild or return to shortwave; the nation was served well with their network of FM transmitters and repeaters. After thanking the engineers for the information, I was able to get them to pose in the entrance to the RCI building for a photograph.

Later in the day I found the old foundation of the small telecomm building near a city square. The concrete pad showed obvious burn marks and scorches.

Before I left the Cook Islands I made a 90-minute "local" quality cassette tape of Radio Cook Islands mediumwave programming, since my Rarotongan Resort location was only a few miles from the 630 kHz transmitter. I used a Grundig Satellit 500 and a Marantz PMD-221 recorder. For me, it's a very nice audio record of my visit. The tape includes both sign-on and sign-off announcements, IDs, national anthem and hymn, local advertisements, local news & weather bulletins, and a lot of that great Cook Island music! RCI's broadcasts sounded much like the SIBC (5020 kHz) does today -- lots of local flavor. Perhaps I could transcribe this to a monaural, low-bitrate MP3 recording(s) for sharing with others if there's any interest.

I enjoy DXpeditions to the Washington State coast 3-4 times per year, and I always check out 630 kHz for the possibility of Radio Cook Islands. I've heard lots of interesting mediumwave DX signals from the

coast using directional Beverage antennas, but I've yet to hear the Cooks on 630. To my knowledge, the last confirmed logging of the Cooks on MW was by Patrick Martin of Seaside, OR in the 1980s. I've logged Samoa, Fiji, Tonga, Tahiti, etc. a number of times on mediumwave, but unfortunately only domestic USA stations on 630.

Here's a very good article with photos about Radio Cook Islands: http://radiodx.com/spdxr/Cooks.htm If you're interested in radio from elsewhere in the Pacific, this web site will have your attention for many hours! (Guy Atkins, Puyallup, WA USA, via HCDX via SW Bulletin Nov 2 via DXLD) See previous issue

** COSTA RICA. RFPI still on at 0322 UT Nov 2. They went off the air for sixteen minutes last night at about 0445. Thought that was it, but they came back (John H. Carver, Jr., Mid-North IN, UT Nov 2, DX LISTENING DIGEST) WORLD OF RADIO ran as scheduled Sat 2330+ but did not repeat at 0530 UT Sun. CONTINENT OF MEDIA did not appear at 0330 UT Sun, but that`s to be expected since we are yet again long overdue in producing a new edition; later there was open carrier. On recent nights in the 0500/0700 period, I have noted a lot of OC from RFPI, and even tone tests. Nothing new on the websites (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CROATIA [and non]. Voice of Croatia: I have heard English news / news magazine programmes on the Voice of Croatia (Glas Hrvatske) so far in B03 at the following times (UT) and frequencies:

0700-0705 1134 9470 kHz
1100-(1105?) unconfirmed - MW only?
1600-1620 774 1125 1134
1900-1905 1125 1134
2315-2330 1125 1134 7285

Have not yet confirmed if there's any other English overnight on their (mainly Croatian) shortwave to the Americas and Australasia i.e.:
2300-0600 to Americas 7285
0500-1000 to Australia/NZ on 9470.
(all via DTK Juelich)

(Alan Pennington, BDXC-UK, Caversham UK, AOR 7030+ / longwire, Nov 1 via DXLD)

** CUBA. Noted RHC in English on both 11760 and 9505 at 2123 Oct 30, VG talking about Ramadan; at 2130 the two frequencies split, 9505 into Kriyol, 11760 French (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA [non]. 5850.90 (Harmonic?), Radio MartÌ (QTH Miami, Florida?) Oct 29 2003 - 1100 UT. Pretty weak so probably a spurious signal.

Heard simultaneously on 5834v kHz also there with a very weak signal (Bjˆrn Malm, Quito, Ecuador, SW Bulletin Nov 2, translated by editor Thomas Nilsson for DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. 4960.00, R. Villa, Santo Domingo, 03/11/01 0501-0530 UT, SIO 555, lively highlife/tropical music and Spanish energetic announcements, many ID's. This is a rare new logging for me! (Thomas Giella, KN4LF, FL, DX LISTENING DIGEST) a.k.a. R. Cima:

Anyone with a taste for Latin music might give R. Cima a listen. I have noticed they stay on all night on the weekends now. They have a varied music selection but most times very enjoyable to listen to. Check 4959.8 and give a listen. From the Dom. Republic. Sunday evenings music is usually the best. Sometimes classical, sometimes pop or blues. but always interesting. Most nights but not all, in the clear. They occasionally have transmitter problems and off the air. But one I always check (Bob Montgomery, Levittown, PA, Nov 1, swprograms via DXLD)

** ECUADOR. Nube de Vogan (sp?), a representative of R. Buen Pastor, 4815, is interviewed by Allen Graham in the penultimate segment of Nov 1 HCJB DX Partyline; the station has some relationship with HCJB; a team was at the station to help with production. Came on SW in July, 1995. She acknowledged that the station has listeners all over the world, but doesn`t yet have a QSL card due to financial problems. They are working on it and hope to have one by the beginning of next year. Address is simply Radio Buen Pastor, Saraguro, Loja, Ecuador, and don`t forget the continent (notes by gh for DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ECUADOR. 2609.95 harmonic, Radio Cristal, Guayaquil, Oct 22 2003 - 1020 UT. Nice, first logging of another member of "la familia cristalina". A stone`s throw away from our tiny house you can find "R.C.Q." that is Radio Cristal, Quito. Very common and nice station that jingles "la familia cristalina". Harmonic from 870 kHz (3 x 869.98).

2859.84v, harmonic, (tentative), Radio Guaranda, Guaranda, Oct 23 2003 - 1135 UT. Heard in // with 1429.92v kHz where a member in ARC, Sweden Odd PÂg/ODD has an unID LA which very likely might be Guaranda. Only mentioned the frequency without any station name. Have it as a tentative as "Guaranda" was mentioned on the full hour ID. Harmonic from 1430 kHz (2 x 1429.92).

4200.00 harmonic, Radio Vigia, Quito, Oct 27 2003 - 2345 UT. Had this harmonic as unID "Radio... LV de..." for three nights in a row. Finally I heard a nice ID and could also compare with MW 840 kHz: "Radio Vigia, La Voz de la Policia Nacional". Harmonic from 840 kHz (5 x 840.00) (Bjˆrn Malm, Quito, Ecuador, SW Bulletin Nov 2, translated

by editor Thomas Nilsson for DX LISTENING DIGEST)

3380: Re: (Centro RadiofÛnico de Imbabura, Ecuador 3380.07 still active! /BM)

"La Super 12-30, La Mega Estacion Super 12-30, la maquina de la Mega are some of the slogans I can hear". (Henrik Klemetz, via Bjˆrn Malm, Quito, Ecuador, SW Bulletin Nov 2, translated by editor Thomas Nilsson for DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EQUATORIAL GUINEA. 6250.3, Radio Nacional Malabo; 2143-2200+, 25-Oct; M&W in language with English rap and Afro tunes, all cut short. 2 R. Nacional IDs in Spanish by W. Commentaries mostly by M in language. SIO=222/LSB helps with roar QRM; maybe drifting up in frequency slightly (toward roar). (Harold Frodge, Brighton MI MARE DXPedition via DXLD) 6250.3, R Nacional, Malabo, 2155 25 Oct, SIO-222, man talking in Spanish with Malabo ID at 2200 (Karl Racenis, MI, MARE via DXLD)

** ERITREA. Eritrea was picked up as well around 0315 UT on 945 in Tigre (program 1) with the typical Tigre music (Tarek Zeidan, Cairo, Egypt, Nov 1, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ETHIOPIA. 7110, 5989.8, 9705, Radio Ethiopia, Gedja, Nov/02 0314 UT. Local language, good. All 3 in //. Local vocals and percussion/ string music. OM/YL in local language. Musical interludes between talks (Robert S. Ross, VA3SW, Ont., Musselman Lake DX Camp, ODXA via DXLD)

** GERMANY. Deutsche Welle introduces "Europe in CAPITALS"

I don't have many details yet, but I heard a promotional announcement for a new weekly series entitled Europe in CAPITALS, consisting of a series of documentaries on the capital cities of the existing European Union countries, plus those countries scheduled to join the EU as of 2004. The promotional announcement stated the new program would air on Wednesdays and Thursdays; it would appear that the program would air every other hour from 1630 Wednesdays to 0830 Thursdays, then from 1130 Thursdays every other hour through 1530 Thursdays. Not all hours air via shortwave (surprise!); watch the swprograms group, the NASWA Flashsheet, and other electronic media for updates on usable Deutsche Welle frequencies after the seasonal changes (Richard Cuff, Easy Listening, Nov NASWA Journal via DXLD)

** GERMANY. R. MultiKulti- DW. Only on Sunday, DW--Germany, relays Radio MultiKultiBerlin in Romanes [Gypsy = Roma] language on 11905 and 15275 at 1130-1200 UT. 73 von (Paul Gager, Vienna, Austria, Nov 1, BDXC-UK via DXLD)

** HUNGARY. Glenn, Anyone hearing R. Budapest on 9835 at 0200? What a terrible frequency choice. Hearing noises on 9835. RHC with dirty signal on 9820, Vatican R. on 9840 and BBC on 9825 (Kraig W. Krist, VA, Oct 31, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Maybe after the flares

** INDIA. The Prasar Bharathi CEO Mr. K. S. Sarma has announced that the 24 hour Doordarshan News TV Channel will be launched on Nov. 3, 2003 using the existing DD2 terrestrial transmitters. He also announced that All India Radio's 24 hour news channel [on shortwave] will begin from April 2, 2004. 73 (Jose Jacob, VU2JOS/AT0J, Nov 1, dx_india via DXLD)

** INDONESIA. 15150, V. of Indonesia 2031-2055 Oct 24. News, "Getting to Know Indonesia" program. IDs. pop music. Fair at tune-in but fading later (Don Moore, Brighton MI, MARE DXpedition via DXLD) 15149.8, V. Indonesia, 2033 24 Oct, SIO-132, woman talking in English with mentions of local government officials and construction, international company investments in Indonesia, ID at 2038 (Karl Racenis, ibid.)

** INTERNATIONAL. "NON-OFFICIAL" BROADCAST ORGANISATIONS B03
Compiled from monitoring and schedules TDP, CRW, DXLD, BCDX, NDXC
DXA375-Silvain Domen, Belgium. Updated 01/11/2003.

Excluded since last issue:
Radio Ezra (religious)
TDP Radio (Euro-DJ music)
EDC-Sudan Radio Service (aid project)

0000-0100 IBC-Tamil 7460 Tamil-CIS-
0100-0200 Hmong Lao R.dio/Taiwan 15260 (Wed/Fri)
0226-0315 R.Payem E Doost 7460 Farsi(Tue-Fri/Sun)-CIS-
0330-0400 or 0430-0500 for B03(to be confirmed) Arabic R. 7510 Arabic-CIS-
0500-1700 V.Of Mesopotamia 11530 Kurdish-TDP-
0700-0800 V.Of Dem.Path To Ethiopian Unity/Julich 17655 Amharic(Sun)-DTK-
0900-1000 R.Rainbow/Julich 6180 Amharic(Sat)-DTK-
1200-1300 V.Of Burma/Almaty 9875 Burmese(Mon-Fri)-CIS-
1230-1300 R.Free Vietnam 9930 Vietnamese(Mon-Sat)-TDP-
1300-1330 Degar V.-R.Montagnard/Chita 7180 Viet. Dialect (Tue/Thu/Sat)-CIS-
1330-1400 Que Huong R. 9930 Vietnamese(Mon-Sat)-TDP-
1330-1430 New Horizon R.-Chan Troi Moi/Julich 9585 Vietnamese (via HAR)-DTK-
1400-1500 V.Of Khmer Kampuchea Krom 11560 Khmer(Tue)-TDP-
1429-1526 Democratic V.Of Burma/Talata Volondry 17495 Burmese-RNW-
1430-1530 Democratic V.Of Burma/Almaty 5905 Burmese-CIS-

1430-1515 V.Of Tibet 12025 Tibetan-CIS-
1500-1530 R.Rhino Int./Julich 17870 English(Tue-Fri)(Sat/Sun till 1600)-DTK-
1500-1600 V.Of Democratic Eritrea/Julich 5925 Tigrigna(Sat)-DTK-
1600-1630 Arabic R. 12085//12120 Arabic-CIS-
1600-1659 V.Of Ethiopian Salvation/Julich 9820 Amharic(Sun/Thu)-DTK-
1630-1659 R.Huriyo-V.Of The Ogadeni People/Julich 9820 Somali(Tue/Fri) -DTK-
1630-1700 R.International 7520 Farsi-CIS-
1630-1730 R.Amani/Armavir 7350 Pashto/Dari (Fri)-CIS-
1657-1755 V.Of The People/Talata Volondry 7120-RNW-
1700-1730 R.Sagalee Qabsoo Bilisummaa Oromiyoo 12120 Oromo(Mon/Thu)-TDP-
1700-1800 Mezopotamian RTV 7560 Kurdish(Tue/Wed/Fri)-TDP-
1700-1800 Dejen R. 12120 Tigrigna(Sat)-TDP-
1700-1800 R.Solidarity(temporarily off the air) 12120 Tigrigna(Sun)-TDP-
1700-1800 V.Of Democratic Eritrea/Julich 9820 Tigrigna(Mon/Thu)-DTK- ... reported to be in co-operation with
1700-1800 V.Of Oromo Liberation/Julich 9820 Oromo(Sun/Tue/Wed/Fri)-DTK- ... so programming may interchange
1700-1800 V.Of Komala 7560 Farsi(Sun)-TDP-
1730-1800 R.International 7490 Farsi(Thu/Sat till 1815)-CIS-
1730-1800 V.Of Oromia(temporarily off the air) 12120 Oromo(Mon/Thu)-TDP-
1730-1800 V.Of The Eritrean People 13690 Tigrigna(Sun)
1800-1830 V.Of The Eritrean People 7130 Tigrigna(Sun)
1800-1845 R.Payem E Doost 7480 Farsi(Tue-Fri/Sun)-CIS-
1800-2000 V.Of Reform-Al Islah 15705 Arabic-TDP-
1830-1930 V.Of Ethiopian Salvation 12120 Amharic(Sun)-TDP-
1830-1930 V.Of Dem.Path To Ethiopian Unity/Julich 7220 Amharic(Wed)-DTK-
1900-2000 R.Rainbow/Julich 11840 Amharic(Fri)-DTK-
2100-2200 World Falun Dafa R.-Fang Guang Ming 6035 Chinese-TDP-
2330-0030 Democratic V.Of Burma/Julich 5945 Burmese-DTK-
2330-0030 Democratic.V.Of Burma/Talata Volondry 12055 Burmese-RNW-
(Silvain Domen, Belgium, Nov 1, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** IRAN. Yesterday (Oct 31) the German program of IRIB was again heard on shortwave, from 1730 on 6110 and 9500. However, they still announced no shortwave frequencies. Original report by Dieter Leupold enclosed below. Another report by Michael Schnitzer indicates that yesterday also English was at 2030 on 7320, a transmission also missed recently I think.

So what's up there? IRIB management rowing back as German saying goes? Or just technical problems, probably either Kamalabad or Sirjan being dark completely? But I think the missed transmissions disappeared when

the B03 schedule came into effect, and this made me believe that it is not just a matter of engineering, especially in light of the hints given by the Spanish section back in July (IRIB management allegedly considering to do without shortwave). (Kai Ludwig, Germany, Nov 1, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

Subject: [A-DX] IRIB - Teheran -deutsch- ON AIR

Seid Gesternabend 31.10.03 ab 17.30 UTC wieder das Deutsche Programm auf 9500 Khz S= 4-5 und 6110 Khz O=3 Programmablauf weiter wie bisher, nur das keine Kurzwellenfrequenzen angesagt werden. Leider konnte die Meldung nicht eher absetzen, da ich die Nachtschicht musste. Mal sehen, ob es eine Fr¸hsendung gibt. Mit freundlichen Gr¸flen (Dieter Leupold aus Leipzig, A-DX via Ludwig, DXLD).

** IRAN [non]. 7460, 26.10 0235, Radio Payem-e Doost via Moldova, Farsi, beautiful Iranian music, announcements, ID, mentioned the following internetaddress: http://www.bahairadio.com (not tested though). 44444 BV (Bjarke Vestesen, Denmark, SW Bulletin Nov 2, translated by editor Thomas Nilsson for DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** IRAN [non]. Radio Voice Of Iran. ID as "Radio Sedaye Iran - Los Angeles", heard Sunday Nov. 2 from 1630 to 1830 on 11520. Bubble jammer audible in the background. Speech mentioning the Jumhuriya Islamiya and Emirates Radio and phone-in (Silvain Domen, Belgium, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also INTERNATIONAL; KURDISTAN

** ISRAEL. LEFT-WING IN ISRAEL TARGET ARUTZ-7 INTERNET SITE

Mike Brand reports from Israel: Meretz Knesset member Zahava Gal'on has asked Attorney-General Elyakim Rubenstein tov open a criminal investigation into the operators of Arutz-7's internet site on suspicion of "incitement to murder and racism."

Gal'on honed in on a sentence in an op-ed on Arutz-7's Hebrew site, written by Gil Ronen, a resident of pre-1967 Israel, near Hadera. Gal'on says that his article is a call to "murder hundreds of thousands of Palestinians." Though Arutz-7 does not endorse the opinions it publishes in its op-ed section, it should be noted that the sentence in question was taken out of context, and does not incite to murder. In fact, Ronen writes in the article, "no one will have to take the law into his own hands."

[omitted: paragraphs quoting further from the article]

Baruch Gordon, manager of Arutz-7's internet department, responded today, "According to the warped definition of democracy professed by the extreme left, nationalist-camp opinions are simply wrong and

therefore illegitimate... What MK Gal'on is doing is proof that the left-wing's actions to shut down Arutz-7 Radio because of minor legal technicalities are merely stepping-stones along its ruthless path towards its real goal: the total silencing of the nationalist and traditional camp in Israel." (c) Radio Netherlands Media Network. # posted by Andy @ 12:30 UTC (via DXLD)

** JAPAN [non]. NHK World Radio JPN information is available on the NHK WORLD website http://www.nhk.or.jp/nhkworld/

Temporary Cessation in Relay Transmissions from Sri Lanka and its Alternative Broadcast. The following NHK World Radio Japan's broadcasts via Sri Lanka have been suspended now, because of the transmitter trouble of relay station.

To Middle East & North Africa from Ekala Relay Station:
Persian UTC 0230-0300 15240 kHz
Japanese UTC 0300-0400 15240 kHz
Arabic   UTC 0400-0430 15240 kHz
English UTC 1400-1500 17755 kHz

These services are broadcasted alternatively. Please tune in the following frequencies: From 1000 JST, Oct 26

Persian UTC 0230-0300 6040 kHz (Woofferton relay station)
Japanese UTC 0300-0400 9855 kHz (Woofferton relay station)
Arabic   UTC 0400-0430 9855 kHz (Dhabbaya relay station)
English UTC 1400-1500 17820 kHz (Woofferton relay station)

Listeners can have access to Radio Japan news through 'Radio Japan Online', the internet service of NHK WORLD. Program Homepage http://www.nhk.or.jp/rj/ (NHK Radio Japan Japan Oct 24 via BC-DX Nov 1 via DXLD) This keeps happening

** JORDAN. 11690, 28.10 1400, Radio Jordan is hardly a tip of "SWB-character", but what do you do when nothing else can be heard? Start up of their English program and announcement of changes in their scheme due to Ramadan. Have been trying for a QSL from this station the last 20 years but without any success. Maybe the "Ramadan-Santa" is kind to me? Q4 HR (Hans ÷stnell, SW Bulletin Nov 2, translated by editor Thomas Nilsson for DX LISTENING DIGEST) So what were the changes?

** KASHMIR [non]. 6100, 26.10, 0229, R. Sadaya Kashmir in Urdu, sign-on with ID and Indian-sounding singing, weak modulation. 22322 BV (Bjarke Vestesen, Denmark, SW Bulletin Nov 2, translated by editor Thomas Nilsson for DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA SOUTH [and non]. Tried to listen to Korea via Canada tonight for Worldwide Friendship and couldn't listen to it for the noise. If I didn't know better I'd say someone was jamming it. Was able to listen to it direct on 15575 though. Very poor signal but I could copy it. That's quite a switch when direct is easier to listen to than the relay (John H. Carver, Jr., Mid-North IN, UT Nov 2, DX LISTENING DIGEST) 9560; the Canada relay at 0200. Bob Thomas, CT, also complains of co-channel jamming on 9560. Surely intended for something else; or Cuban bleed from 9565?? (gh, DXLD)

** KURDISTAN [non]. IRAN [non], Voice Of Komala. ID as "Radio Dengi Komala" on Sunday Nov. 2 at 1700-1757 on 7560. Included speech by woman about Iran. Sign-off in middle of music.

Radio Payem E Doost on Sunday Nov. 2 on 7480 at 1800-1845 (Silvain Domen, Belgium, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** LAOS [non]. TAIWAN, Hmong Radio ULMD now on 15260 kHz via Taiwan 100 kW 250 degrees to SE Asia, at 0100-0200 Wed/Fri only (Michael Bethge, Germany, WWDXC Germany Oct 28, via BC-DX via DXLD)

** LESOTHO. 4800, LNBS, Lancers Gap, audible again after a long time on 24 Oct 1740-1804 airing an interview in Vernacular followed by African songs and talks. 34332 (Carlos GonÁalves, Portugal, BC-DX Oct 30 via DXLD)

** LITHUANIA. B03 relay schedule: [besides MW in last issue]

Sitkunai 9710, 100 kW to Eu 1300-1400 R. Santec in German (Sun only)

New relays are in preparation, especially for MW (Bernd Trutenau, Lithuania, Nov 1, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MALAYSIA. Mr. Glenn Hauser, Do you know the postal address of Radio Four, that broadcasts from Malaysia on 7295 kHz? I tuned to this station and I'd like to send it a reception report. Thanks. Sincerely, (M·rcio Roberto Polheim da Silva, Brazil, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Marcio, WRTH 2003 says it`s part of Radio Television Malaysia, Dept. of Broadcasting, Angkasapuri, Bukit Putra, 50614 Kuala Lumpur. 73, (Glenn to M·rcio via DXLD)

Thanks, Glenn. I've been tuning to this station almost every day from 2100 to 0000 UT on 7295 (M·rcio Roberto Polheim da Silva, Jaragu· do Sul, SC, Brazil, Nov 2, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. Below are international MW logs made last weekend at the MARE DXpedition at Brighton Rec Area, near Detroit, Michigan. We

didn't get as good of conditions as we had hoped for with the solar flare, but conditions into Mexico were enhanced the first evening. On the second evening, there was little sign of Mexico, but the Cubans came in much better than usual. No real sign of the South Americans, though. Harold Frodge heard one Colombian the first night, and I logged one Venezuelan the second night. I was using a Sony ICF-2010 receiver with beverages of 75, 150, and 250 meters with the Quantum Phaser. Unfortunately, the amplifier in my 25-year-old Radio West Ferrite loop picked this trip to die, so no use of the loop. [i.a.:]

690, XEN, 0450-0505 Oct 25. Tango music, Grupo Radio Centro ID then Mexican anthem at hour followed by callsign ID giving power of 100 kw. Frequent repetitions of jingle "La Sesenta y Nueve es noticias." Promo for 6 p.m. newscast. Into repeat of program that they said had originally been aired at 1 p.m. previous day. Fair and in the clear during this period using Quantum Phaser. Not there on recheck about 30 minutes later (Don Moore, Brighton, MI MARE Dxpedition, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 550, XEPL, Cd. Cuauhtemoc, CHIH, OCT 30, 0314 - Presumed with man and woman speaking in German! Still can't get used to hearing German from south of the border (John Wilkins, CO, NRC IDXD via DXLD)

** MOLDOVA. Radio Moldova International broadcasts only via internet on http://www.trm.md/radio as per following schedule:

Winter schedule for Radio Moldova Intl
1100 - 1130 UTC - Spanish
1130 - 1200 UTC - Romanian
1200 - 1230 UTC - English
1900 - 1930 UTC - Russian
1930 - 2000 UTC - French

Radio Moldova International - Programs from Mon to Fri

Monday : News/Moldovan Press R, Society.eview
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Thursday: News/Business & Economy/Environmental Issues
Friday : News/Welcome to Moldova/Literary Creations

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(From: RMI Printed Brochure received on Oct 29, 2003) Regds, (Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi,India, Nov 1, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MYANMAR. Radio Myanmar, Yangon offered nice reception this dark cloudy afternoon on 5985.9 kHz with sign off at 1600 UT. They played evergreen instrumental music like they did in the 70¥s. While living in North Karelia in the 70¥s I was able to hear the Burma Broadcasting Station almost daily on 955 kHz. The biggest hit in Burma those days was "Love is Blue" heard every day on 955 kHz just before close down 16 UT. Who can tell me, who can hear Burma/Yangoon on MW these days, I wonder?! (73s, Jouko Huuskonen, Turku FINLAND via HCDX via SW Bulletin via DXLD)

** NETHERLANDS. RADIO NETHERLANDS OVERHAULS SCHEDULE

For as long as I can remember, Radio Netherlands had one quaint characteristic versus its international broadcasting peers: its English broadcasts began on the half hour --- 2330 UT, for example. Well, with the autumnal time change just past, Radio Netherlands changed its schedule to a top-of-hour start. Broadcasts targeting North America are reduced by three hours per day, with three of the four morning hours disappearing. The alternate-day repeat airings of programs are also eliminated. However, a new two-hour block airs weekends at 1900. The new schedule for shortwave is the following:

0000 UT: News (Sundays, Mondays), Wide Angle (Sundays, Mondays), Insight (Sundays), The Week Ahead (Mondays), Newsline (Tuesdays-Saturdays), 9845 kHz

0030 UT: Amsterdam Forum (Sundays), Vox Humana (Mondays), Research File (Tuesdays), EuroQuest (Wednesdays), Documentary (Thursdays), Dutch Horizons (Fridays), A Good Life (Saturdays), 9845 kHz

0100 UT: News (Sundays, Mondays), Europe Unzipped (Sundays), Insight (Sundays), Wide Angle (Mondays), The Week Ahead (Mondays), Newsline

(Tuesdays-Saturdays), 6165 kHz

0130 UT: Same as 0030, 6165 kHz
0400 UT: Same as 0100, 6165 and 9590 kHz
0430 UT: Same as 0030 and 0130, 6165 and 9590 kHz

1200 UT: News, Wide Angle (Sundays), Week Ahead (Sundays), Newsline (Mondays-Fridays), Europe Unzipped (Saturdays), Insight (Saturdays), 5965 kHz

1230 UT: Vox Humana (Sundays), Research File (Mondays), EuroQuest (Tuesdays), Documentary (Wednesdays), Dutch Horizons (Thursdays), A Good Life (Fridays), Amsterdam Forum (Saturdays), 5965 kHz

1900 UT: Documentary (Sundays), Vox Humana (Saturdays), 15315, 17725, 17875 kHz

1930 UT: News, Wide Angle (Sundays), The Week Ahead (Sundays), Europe Unzipped (Saturdays), Insight (Saturdays), 15315, 17725, 17875 kHz

2000 UT: Vox Humana (Sundays), Amsterdam Forum (Saturdays), 15315, 17725, 17875 kHz

2030 UT: News, Wide Angle (Sundays), Europe Unzipped (Saturdays), 15315, 17725, 17875 kHz

Vox Humana replaces Aural Tapestry, which has recently been alternating seasonally with Sound Fountain. This new program features the combined talents of both teams: Michele Ernsting, Dheera Sujan and David Swatling. According to Radio Netherlands' On Target brochure, Vox Humana is a "celebration of the Human Voice. Stories, dreams, songs, poetry - the human voice embraces them all."

The weekly Documentary series will feature a periodic series called Under Foreign Skies", featuring the personal stories of Dutch people abroad who are having a quiet impact in their field.

The biggest loss from the Radio Netherlands schedule will be Sincerely Yours, the listener contact program. At this time there will be no direct replacement for the series.

The time changes will probably be the most disruptive aspect of the new schedule, since many listeners for years have ordered their listening patterns to incorporate their favorite Radio Netherlands programs. Conversely, since most listeners tend to think of broadcaster schedules beginning at the top of an hour, it's conceivable that new listeners might find Radio Netherlands more easily this way. One subtle change in the schedule is that the early

evening broadcast, previously a contiguous two-hour block, is now technically two separate hours --- on two different frequencies.

In recent months, Radio Netherlands has reorganized its Internet audio archive so that each program is available on-demand for a week, until a new version goes to air; this is one way that you can listen to your favorite programs without specific regard for schedule effects. Most, if not all, Radio Netherlands programs will be available for on-demand listening; I, for one, having two elementary school-age children, am grateful for this feature!

Speaking of websites, a companion website to the Dutch Horizons program will provide more in-depth information about all aspects of life in the Netherlands (Richard Cuff, Easy Listening, Nov NASWA Journal via DXLD)

** NEW ZEALAND. Interesting listen this a.m. as rugby game ended at 1125 with NZ beating Wales 57-53 with 80,000 in the stands. RNZI never made the change over from 11675 to 15530 at 1100 as scheduled. Stayed with it and did not make the change at 1200 either. Still going on 11675 with S9 signal level. Checked the website and no mention or change in the schedule. Have to think someone forgot to change the frequency and antenna. Had thought this was a computer driven thing. This works for me, as 15530 is a bit difficult at 1100 for the first 30 or 45 minutes. Maybe this is a Sunday thing (Bob Montgomery, Levittown, PA, Nov 2, swprograms via DXLD) I expect they skipped the changes to avoid confusing wacky ballgame fans (gh, DXLD)

IDs in Spanish. The time at which the Spanish ID was given: 1740. This varies a lot (Carlos Goncalves, Portugal, BC-DX Oct 26 via DXLD)

** NICARAGUA. 620, La Poderosa, 0105-0120 Oct 25. Pop music and "La Poderosa 6-20" IDs. Fair (Don Moore, Brighton, MI MARE Dxpedition, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See MEXICO

** PAKISTAN. R·dio Paquist„o --- Caros amigos, Segue o esquema completo de transmissıes em InglÍs da R·dio Paquist„o:

16:00 - 16:15 em 9320 e 11570 kHz (Oriente MÈdio, Ir„, Turquia e Noroeste Africano)
16:00 - 16:15 em 11640 e 15725 kHz (Leste e Sudeste Africano)

Anotem tambÈm o novo endereÁo postal da emissora: 303 Peshawar Road, Rawalpindi, Pakistan --- Iftikhar Malik (Senior Broadcast Engineer) (via Ivan Dias - Sorocaba/SP, Membro do DX Clube do Brasil, radioescutas via DXLD)

** PAKISTAN. R. Pakistan, 11565, 1245, Radio Pakistan English ID. End

of English, announced time of next English. 10/26 (Larry Russell, MARE, MI DXPedition via DXLD)

15070.02, R. Pakistan, 2 Nov, 1152-1159, Weak and very fady signal. Could just barely make out some type of music. But was able to recognize the IS at 1157. Thought this might have been Alfa Lima International (Dave Valko, PA, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

Heard the Russian outlet on odd 9387.66 kHz, 34333, 1415-1500, scheduled 9385, and even 7375.00, but latter thiny S=1.

Urdu 1330-1530 Urdu was on even 15065.00 and 11570.00, both 3-44444. Urdu 1700-1900 on 11570.00, 34443, but missed \\ registered outlet on 9320 kHz. Only weak carrier heard on 9324.94 kHz, but latter seems KRE Pyongyang?

Arabic 1815-1900 on odd 6227.66, 22222 - some UTE RTTY co-channel QRM, and no \\ signal at 1830. But later around 1845 UT was back on fluttery 7550.00 kHz, 24322.

Urdu 1815-1900 on new - strange - 6785 kHz in 44 mb, 24432. But suffered by co-channel Russian language spy number station from 1830 UT onwards (Wolfgang B¸schel, Germany, Oct 29, BCDX via DXLD)

World Service confirmed this morning at 0500-0700 on new 17835 [x 17755] \\ 15100 & 11570. At 1330-1530 I still hear 11570 & 15065 - there is a ute on 15065 now which may mean a move is necessary - and at 1700-1900 I only hear 11570, and nothing to the ME. Russian 1415-1500 is heard on 7375 & v9387, but these two 100 kW transmitters sound to be in poor condition.

I had time to quickly check Turkish at 1755 and found 7550 to be fair but 11530 is occupied by something else - Mesopotamia? Irani came up on 5840 and 7550 at 1715 also at fair level. But the audio quality of these transmitters is still very poor.

I didn`t hear 9320 at 1600 and I can't hear it at 1700 either. But 11570 is good level. VOA via Sri Lanka came up on 9325 over North Korea at 1700 in Kurdish at fair strength. Note 6785 in use at 1800. The frequency is currently clear but there's a ute slightly lower. An interesting choice! And 4955 at 1515 (Noel R. Green, UK, BC-DX Oct 29 via DXLD)

Radio Pakistan sked effective 26 October 2003 - 27 March 2004

Arabic
1815-1900 ME 6225 7550 [noted v6227.66 on Oct 29th, wb]
Assami

0045-0115 sAS 9340 11565
Bangla
0115-0200 sAS 9340 11565
1200-1245 sAS 11565 15625
Chinese
1200-1230 FE 11570 15070
Dari
1515-1545 CIS 4955 5860

English
1600-1615 AF/ME 9320 11570 11640 15725

Gujrati
0400-0430 AF 15485 17825
Hindi
0215-0300 sAS 9340 11565
1100-1145 sAS 9340 11565
Irani
1715-1800 ME 5840 7550
Nepali
1245-1315 sAS 11565 15625
Russian
1415-1500 CIS 7375 9385 [noted v9387.66 on Oct 29th, wb]
Sinhali
1015-1045 sAS 15625 17495
Tamil
0315-0345 sAS 15625 17495
0945-1015 sAS 15625 17495
Turki
1330-1400 CIS 5860 7375
Turkish
1630-1700 ME 7550 11530
Urdu
0045-0215 seAS 15485 17895
0500-0700 ME 11570 15100 17835
0800-1104* EU 17835 21465
1330-1530 ME 11570 15065
1700-1900 EU 9320 11570
1800-1900 ME 6785 [!!! suffers a little RTTY ute]
1915-0045 ME 7570 [noted v7571.04 on Oct 29th, wb]
* Usually includes English approximately 1100-1104 UT.
(PBC via Noel R. Green-UK, BC-DX Oct 29 via DXLD)

There is still no trace of any activity at 1600 and 1700 on 9320 --- don't know why. I suggested they use 9395 at 1700-1900. It's difficult to monitor the station due to the storms --- nothing on 17835 & 21465 this morning but I did hear Russian via the "offset" freq v9387 - and they were also "offset" on 5860 5840 and 6225 yesterday by around 2

kHz higher. [2.66 kHz] (Noel R. Green, UK, BC-DX Oct 29/30 via DXLD)

** PALESTINE. PALESTINIAN RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS MINISTRY LAUNCHES "HOLY KORAN" RADIO | Excerpt from report by Ala al-Mashharawi in Gaza entitled "Awqaf Ministry launches Holy Koran radio transmission" published by Palestinian newspaper Al-Quds on 31 October

On 30 October, the Awqaf and Religious Affairs Ministry launched the first broadcast of Holy Koran [Arabic: Al-Qur'an al-Karim] Radio throughout the homeland governorates on FM 89.6. At this stage, the transmission, which coincides with the advent of the blessed month of Ramadan, includes recitation of the holy Koran, religious poetry arranged in stanzas, and Islamic hymns. The station operates from 0600 to 2000 [0400-1800 gmt].

The ministry said this project stems from its task of spreading the message of Islamic religion and culture and the desire to realize the slogan "Let's fill Palestine with holy Koran scholars".

It is worth noting that seven radio stations currently operate in the Gaza governorates: Freedom [Arabic: Al-Hurriyah], Colours [Arabic: Alwan], Voice of Palestine - the second broadcast, Youth [Arabic: Al-Shabab], Workers [Arabic: Al-Umal], Lighthouse [Arabic: Al-Manar], and Holy Kor`an. [Passage omitted] Source: Al-Quds, Jerusalem, in Arabic 31 Oct 03 p 5 (via BBCM via DXLD)

** PERU. Amigos DXistas!

6108.31 - 6108.44v kHz Radio Internacional del Per˙, QTH unknown (San Pablo, Provincia San Pablo, Departamento Cajamarca????) 1 November 2003 0030-0134 UT close down. This (unID) station was first heard by me and Alfredo "SpaceMaster", Per˙ the 19th of October. This night the same type of program as before: Peruvian music and with OM-DJ talking with "someone" on telephone (or another radiotransmitter). 0108 UT I for the first time heard an ID with YL: "Radio Internacional del Per˙.....escucha". I will send a recording to SWB, please listen to confirm what I think I¥m hearing:
http://homepage.sverige.net/~a-0901/

In WRTH you can find Radio Internacional del Per˙, San Pablo on 3397 and 1600 kHz. One year ago I heard the station on 1600.70 kHz.

Provincia de San Pablo, cuya capital es San Pablo. Sus distritos son:San Bernardino, San Luis, San Pablo, Yumbaden; con una poblaciÛn total de 23,822 hab. 73s (Bjˆrn Malm, Quito, Ecuador 1/Nov/2003 22:06, SWB AmÈrica Latina, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. 2115.20 harmonic, Radio La Voz del Campesino, Huarmaca, Oct

23 2003, 1030 UT. Clear ID with QTH but not listed in WRTH 2003. I assume this is a harmonic from MW. In that case 1057.60 or 705.06 kHz.

Reactivated Peruvian! 4990.90 kHz, Radio Ancash, Huaraz. Heard quite well both mornings and evenings but with weakly modulated audio. Stable on this frequency.

Radio MelodÌa, Arequipa, is again "out drifting"! After having been on 6042.60 kHz for a long time the station has recently been found in correct order on: 5996-5939, 43 and 5906.28 kHz.

3027v: Re: (my logging of R. Municipal, Huaranchal in Per˙ still heard on this frequency /BM)

Must be 2 x fundamental frequency? as they claim to transmit on both AM and FM stereo. I donít think it is likely that this is a -new- AM-outlet in the 3 MHz-band. But you never know for sure with those Peruvians. I like your recordings at SWB site and always look forward to taste more raisins... 73 (Henrik Klemetz, Sweden, via Bjˆrn Malm, Quito, Ecuador, SW Bulletin Nov 2, translated by editor Thomas Nilsson for DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. 4386.62, Radio Imperio, Chiclayo, 0412-0515, Oct 31, Spanish, man announcer, religious program (La Voz de la SalvaciÛn de la Iglesia Pentecostal La Cosecha), tc, ID "Radio Imperio transmitiendo La Voz de la SalvaciÛn...", 24222, better in LSB.

5009.67, Radio Altura, Cerro de Pasco, 0350-0420*, Nov 1, Spanish, musical program, ads, ID "sÛlo lo mejor Radio Altura", abrupt s/off without announcement, 24322.

Receivers: Icom IC-R75, Kenwood R-2000, Sony ICF 2010; Antennas: T2FD with balun 3.1, V Inverted 15 mts with balun 1.1, V Inverted 11 mts with balun 1.1; Others: MFJ-959B Receiver Antenna Tuner/Preamplifier (Nicol·s Eramo, Villa Lynch, Prov. Buenos Aires, Argentina, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. 5009.69, Radio Altura, Chaupimarca, 0015+, October 30. Spanish. Complete ID as: "estamos en onda corta... para el Per˙ y el Mundo... Radio Altura del Peru". News about the Agriculture Minister. Regional news by male and female. 24442; Best reception in LSB mode.

5460.47, Radioemisoras Bolivar, La Libertad, 0007+, October 30. Spanish. ID: "...Bolivar...", different songs (romantic, tecnocumbias). The program is conduced by male. 24432.

5470.57, Radio San Nicolas (presumed), San Nicol·s, 0001+, October 30. Spanish. Andean music. 23222.

5678, Radio Iluc·n, Cutervo, 2335+, October 29. Spanish. Romantic music in Spanish. Announcement and ID as: "en Radio Iluc·n estamos presentando linda m˙sica rom·ntica con sabor local". 44433

6020.36, Radio Victoria, Lima, 0035+, October 30. Spanish. News program. National news. TC: "7 de la noche con 36 minutos en todo el Per˙". Program: "RadioperiÛdico del Nuevo Mundo de Radio Victoria". Complete ID as: "una radio para todos, en... onda media..., Radio Victoria... y tambiÈn en 9720 kHz, banda de 31 metros y 6020 kHz, banda de 49 metros... con sus potentes transmisores... cubriendo con su seÒal todo el territorio del Per˙, transmitiendo desde Lima... Radio Victoria, la radio para todos"; Announced email: radiovictoria@r.com [sic, not truncated?] SINPO: 34433.

6193.38, Radio Cusco, Cusco, 2320+, October 29. Spanish/Quechua. Huaynos. Short announcements in Quechua. ID by OM: "Radio Cusco del Peru!!!!". 44433.

6536.08, Radio La Poderosa, Huancabamba, 2340+. October 29. Spanish. Many identifications: "...en Radio La Poderosa...". Andean music. Local ads: "....en Huancabamba", 34433.

6819.33, La Voz de las Huarinjas, Huancabamba, 2325+, October 29. Spanish. Music program. Commentary about a local festival. ID: "...en La Voz de las Huarinjas", announcements, 33433 (Arnaldo Slaen, Argentina, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

** PORTUGAL. RDPi. Quite a mess yesterday 2210 when they were supposed to be relaying RDP-1 via 15555 & 13720 Eur, 11945 Afr, 17575 NAm, 21540 Venezuela & 21655+21800 B/CV/Gui:

No transmitter on the air due to the severe thunder storm right in their area causing power line breakdowns. At 2221, only 15555 Eur & 17575 NAm were on the air again. That immediately reminded me of what happened to RNZI end August, so I phoned them this morning: they said normal operation only resumed 2245, ca. 45 mins. after it all started; yesterday's extended/special broadcast didn't end until 2305 on all QRGs.

Back up generators: They were intended for the old transmitter power capacity only, and the only 2 men at the site during that shift cannot operate the transmitters and be at the generator hall simultaneously.

Transmitters: the following are used: 100 kW four Continental, single BBC (almost as old as the others); 300 kW single AEG (dated 1989), single Thales (dated 2002). At least one 100 kW transmitter is left standing by. The old GE units seem to have been dismantled already

(Carlos GonÁalves, Portugal, Oct 26, BC-DX Nov 1 via DXLD)

** ROMANIA Checking the Radio Romania Int. website
http://www.rri.ro/engl/default.htm
I notice a few differences than the RRI sked in DXLD.

Valid between October 26th, 2003 - March 27th, 2004.

Reception Area Time (UTC) Frequencies (kHz)
North America
0100 - 0200 6040; 9530; 9510; 11740
0300 - 0400 6040; 9515
2200 - 2300 9550; 11830

Western Europe
0700 - 0730 11775; 15105
1300 - 1400 15105; 17745
1730 - 1800 9570; 11940
2030 - 2100 6110; 7105
2200 - 2300 5975; 7250
Australia
2300 - 2400 11940; 15370; 11840; 15145
(Kraig W. Krist, VA, Oct 31, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ROMANIA [and non]. Hi Glenn! In DXLD 3-190, under Romania, you were wondering about the French term "tube." Well, it means a "hit song." It would have started out as a casual, slightly slangy term maybe 50 years ago, but now it's a pretty much standard usage --- though maybe here in QuÈbec it seems a bit outdated. 73- (Bill Westenhaver, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA. VOICE OF RUSSIA NEW PROGRAMS

Wednesdays, 0440: Ladies of Character will tell you of smashing careers and charismatic personalities and will throw a light-hearted glance on what makes a successful personality. Is it worthwhile chasing a career at the expense of a family or should there be a golden mean, and, if so, where to look for it? How does personality influence the choice of profession and is there a reverse impact? How do different people handle similar problems? Sharing your life philosophy will save you hours of tiring consultations and analytical reading. (from the VOR website and Maryanne Kehoe)

Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, 0431: The River of Time. Your guess is as good as mine; probably a history program.

Look for the Voice of Russia on the following frequencies, via Maryanne Kehoe:

0200-0300, 15595, 15445, 9765, 7180, 6155;
0300-0400, 15595, 15445, 7350, 7180, 6155;
0400-0500, 15595, 15445, 12010, 7240, 7350, 7180, 7125
0500-0600, 15595, 15445, 12010, 7240, 7180, 7125
(Richard Cuff, Easy Listening, Nov NASWA Journal via DXLD)

** RUSSIA. It seems that shortwave relays of Radio Rossii have ceased. 7220 (Yekaterinburg) has been missing for several days. Checking other relays today, I heard nothing on 9720 (Kurovskaya), 13705 or 17600 (both Taldom). The relays from Samara and Tbilisskaya also seem to be missing. The regional outlets (Arkhangelsk, Murmansk. Krasnoyarsk, etc.) are still active (Olle Alm, Sweden, Nov 2, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SAUDI ARABIA. SAUDI AUTHORITIES FAIL TO SEE FUNNY SIDE OF RAMADAN COMEDY - AGENCY | Text of report in English by Egyptian news agency MENA

Riyadh, 31 October: A popular Saudi TV sitcom with a vast Ramadan viewership in the kingdom has drawn fire from Saudi social and religious circles.

The debates flared up when the series, starring the almost only two comedians in the kingdom Nasir Al-Qassabi and Abdallah Al-Sadhan, criticised, in a sarcastic way Saudi women's inability to go any where even to the Great Holy Mosque in Mecca without being escorted by a first-degree relation, (known in religious terms as a mihrim).

Critics see that the comedy is treading dangerous territory by lightly handling religious and social taboos.

The Saudi Grand Mufti asked for the revision of the series, urging the Minister of Information, Fu'ad Al-Farisi, to review it. He indicated the series might be banned and demanded that a religious panel read its scripts before displaying it on TV.

The controversial episode addressed the difficulties encountered by women wherever they go without a mihrim.

One of the ironical situations in the episode involved barring the police from entering a house with a thief inside if the house lord or a Mihrim is not there. Source: MENA news agency, Cairo, in English 1451 gmt 31 Oct 03 (via BBCM via DXLD)

** SINGAPORE [non]. EXILED SINGAPORE DISSIDENT PLANS DEMOCRACY RADIO
[Doesn't say if FM/AM or SW] [see 3-185]
http://famulus.msnbc.com/FamulusIntl/reuters10-18-213201.asp?reg=PACRIM
(via L. Josephs via A. Sennitt-HOL Oct 19, 2003 for CRW via DXLD)

** SPAIN. As Kol Israel stopped using 738 kHz, I noticed RNE1 from Barcelona fair to good around that time of the day (0330 UT) with Spanish talk and music (Tarek Zeidan, Cairo, Egypt, Nov 1, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SUDAN [non]. SRS on new 15530 (ex-17630) via Woofferton was heard with clear signal from tune-in 1546-1606 to tune-out. 1546 Multi-lingual IDs including English, then English songs including 'My land my land - don't cry don't cry' and Sudanese woman in interview telling about life in cold Canada seen through Sudanese eyes. 1602 Multilingual IDs again, followed by lengthy announcement 'You are listening to Sudan Radio Service dedicated to peace and development in Sudan. Sudan Radio Service SRS is operated by the Education Development Center, a non-profit organisation dedicated to the ?? aspects of education of people around the world. SRS is sponsored by the United States Agency for International Development.

This program is coming to you from Studios in Nairobi, Kenya, and broadcasting on SW transmitters based in the United Kingdom. Remember, this is your radio station -- we need your help. Please send us your comments, questions, and suggestions. We also invite you to send us news, information, music, stories and programme ..(?). Just write us at Sudan Radio Service, Post Office Box 4392 (4393?), Nairobi 00100, Kenya. Or send us an e-mail at srs@e... [truncated]

Thank you, and we look forward to hearing from you too.' Then gave times of broadcasts (which I missed) Mondays to Saturdays (ex Mon-Fri I guess) (Finn Krone, Denmark, DXplorer Oct 31 via BC-DX via DXLD)

They just announced to be back on Monday, so I guess it is still Mon-Fri (Mauno Ritola, Finland, DXplorer Oct 31 via BC-DX via DXLD)

** SYRIA. Glenn, now it's time of Ramadan which means a good chance to stay up before sunrise and check some of the MW stations. Picked up the Voice of the People (Sout Al Sh`aab) from Damascus signing on at 0300 UT on these 3 frequencies: 1314, 1071 and 1125 with the ID followed by a recitation of the Holly Qur`an. The usual programs of Radio Damascus still on 666, 783 and 747 but the only audible frequency during daytime here in Cairo is 783 only - 600 kW from Tartus (Tarek Zeidan, Cairo, Egypt, Nov 1, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TIBET [non]. 11590, 19.10 1059, Radio Free Asia, announcement for program in Tibetan, just when I was hunting for completely other station on this frequency, China Huayi BC. Q4 HR (Hans ÷stnell, SW Bulletin Nov 2, translated by editor Thomas Nilsson for DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TIBET [and non]. Voice of Tibet: 1430-1515 is now using 12025. The Chinese jammer got on them from day one itself. Ex 17520/540. The Chinese have got a very smart monitoring team now at their Monitoring station/s. Unlike a few years back when a frequency change from IBB or VOT took them a week to find out. Now they just don't put jammers on and go to sleep. They monitor and if they don't find the broadcast within 5 minutes, they take the jammer off and go looking for the new frequency (G.V.A. Goonetilleke, Sri Lanka, Oct 28, DXplorer-ML via CRW via DXLD)

Other randomly used frequencies via Almaty, Dushanbe and Tashkent [formerly also via Taiwan 11550] were in previous years:
1215-1300 15400TAC 15615AA 15645DB 21495TAC 21525TAC 21635TAC 21760TAC
1430-1520 11975TAC 12025AA/DB 12145TAC (Wolfgang B¸schel, BC-DX Nov 1 via DXLD)

** UKRAINE. 5905, R. Ukraine Int`l, 0341-0407, Oct. 29, Ukrainian/ English, YL with talks, music between items, classical music outro, ID, IS, English service at 0401, YL with muddy audio. Fair/poor with light co-channel QRM until 0400. No way this is at listed 1000 kW! (Scott R. Barbour, Jr., Intervale, NH, R75, MLB-1, RS longwire with RBA balun, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K. BBC WORLD SERVICE CHANGES AND NEW FEATURES
[Americas stream times only]

Initial inspection of the new BBC World Service schedule continues the recent trend of shifting the local evening service (2300-0600) forward one hour (to 0000-0700). However, the morning service stays generally the same from 1100 to 1700, though the current 1100 features shift to 0900, the current 1000 features move to 1100, and World Update shifts from 0900 to 1000. Following are some programming specifics:

Saturdays, 1032 and 2332, plus Sundays, 0332: The Interview is the new name for the weekly program formerly called Agenda; the program continues to interview the world's prominent personalities.

Mondays, 0032, beginning October 27th, with repeats Mondays 1532 and Tuesdays 0232: Quote, Unquote returns for a six-week run. This panel game show focuses on anecdotes and quotations, and also answers listeners' questions (presumably on the origins of quotations and aphorisms).

Sundays, beginning November 2nd, 0106: Top of the Pops expands to 55 minutes. Emma B counts down the UK Top 20 singles, and there's also a look at the latest album chart. Interviews and listener competitions will also be a part of the program.

Tuesdays, beginning November 4th, 1432, repeated Wednesdays, 0132: White Label is a brand new 25-minute weekly program presented by Mark Goodier that aims to sift through the most exciting forthcoming pop releases from some of the world's most prominent musical artists.

Wednesdays, beginning November 5th, 1406; repeated Thursdays 0106 and Sundays 1306: Paradise Lost? is a new four-part 25-minute documentary series looking at the contemporary Caribbean region and Mexico, more than 500 years after Columbus' initial visits describing the region as paradise. Current developments are juxtaposed against the stories of the explorers and conquistadores of the 15th and 16th centuries.

Sunday, November 9th, 1030: The annual Service of Remembrance from The Cenotaph airs to all regions. This service is held annually on the Sunday closest to Armistice Day (Veterans' Day in the USA). The Cenotaph is Britain's War Memorial; its name is derived from the Greek words for "empty tomb", as this memorial does not incorporate any tomb (unlike Arlington Cemetery's Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers)

Mondays, beginning November 10th, 1406, repeated Tuesdays, 0106 and Mondays, 0006: Auto Motive is the other new documentary for November. This six-part series is presented by Peter Day (one of my favorite World Service personalities, who also presents Global Business) and looks at the enormous impact the automobile has had on our lives over the decades.

Fridays, beginning November 14th, 1406, plus Saturdays, 0106 and 0606: Sport and the Nation is a three-part 25-minute series on the relationships sports have with national pride; the capabilities of sports to bring nations together, as well as divide them, are reviewed by Alex Capstick.

Fridays, beginning November 14th, 2332, repeated Sundays 0432: Omnibus features a three-week series on Afro-Colombians, descendants of runaway slaves who live on the relatively remote Pacific coast of Colombia. Afro-Colombians have developed their own culture and music, derived from their African roots.

Mondays through Fridays 0445 and 1345, plus Tuesdays through Saturdays, 0045: Off The Shelf features a ten-part serialization of Ian Fleming's Casino Royale, the first book in Fleming's James Bond series. Casino Royale was written in 1953; it airs in Off The Shelf editions beginning November 24th.

Wednesdays, beginning November 26th, repeated Wednesdays 2245 and Thursdays 0245: Aids and Faith is a three-part series in the Heart and Soul series; this program looks at how people's experience with AIDS has changed their relationships with God. From rejection to

alternative spirituality to compassion, various religions responses to AIDS are explored.

Wednesdays, beginning November 5th, 1506, repeated Thursdays 0206: Discovery carries the AIDS theme forward with a special four-part series on the history of AIDS diagnosis and current research to develop vaccines. The initial cancers that were later attributed to AIDS were first discovered in New York in 1981 (Richard Cuff, Easy Listening, Nov NASWA Journal via DXLD)

** U S A. John, Regarding the latest DX-Programs list at the World of Radio site. I am listening to the DX block on WINB this Saturday afternoon. Wavescan is at 1800, DX-Partyline is at 1830. Both on 9930 khz. Don't know when World of Radio is on, whether it was before, which I didn't hear or after which hasn't come yet (John H. Carver, Jr., IN, to John Norfolk, DXLD)

So that`s where WINB went from 13570, but what timespan? Surely not much earlier while KWHR is on 9930. WOR has been separate for a few weeks, now 0230 UT Thu on 9320, tho as I said it did not start until 0237 this week (gh) Yes, it is definite. Listened to both Wavescan and DX-Partyline with IDs between programs. WINB, Red Lion, Pennsylvania (Carver, ibid.)

** U S A. John, Decided to check some of the Cumbre broadcasts. It's hard for me to listen to the ones from Indiana as I'm only about fifty miles away from the transmitter site. Have just checked the UT Sunday broadcasts.

0330 on 7580. Not there, although Marie Lamb is announcing this as a valid time and frequency.
1530 on 17650. Yes, it's there.
1600 on 9930. This is a listed frequency for this time, but all I can hear is WINB.
1630 on 15105. Yes, it's there, but I can barely understand it.

Will listen again in the future when I have time and remember to do so (John H. Carver Jr., Nov 2, Mid-North Indiana, to John Norfolk, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Voice of NASB is mostly gospel huxtering, of necessity since most US SW stations are religious. Remembered to tune in WRMI analog 7385 at 0345 UT Sun Nov 2, and heard Elder Jacob O. Meyer much better than ever on his own WMLK, doing what else, explaining his obsession with ``Yahweh``, The Sacred Name. The fact that this is also broadcast in DRM via UK does not improve the program content. He did go on to talk about the reason for founding WMLK in 1980-81. Still 50 kW, but will `soon` have the 250 kW on the air, a transmitter purchased in

Italy, which was originally at the Schwarzenberg site in Switzerland. Also put up a powerful, new antenna of unspecified parameters. At 0354 he went into his native language (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. KJES, Vado NM, continues to put an excellent signal in here, e.g. 11715 Oct 31 at 1654 in Spanish with adult doing Lord`s Prayer, but instead of responses from the kids, there was a cacophony of other noises; 1659 usual kids ID wondering if anyone is listening and off at 1700* (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. PIRATES --- I checked on October 30, 31 and November 1, 2003 for pirate Halloween broadcasters in the range 6900 to 7000 at night without success. Perhaps magnetic storm? Perhaps none on this year? (Kraig W. Krist, VA, Oct 31, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6950 USB, Shadow Radio, WSDW, USA Pirate Nov/01 0242 UT English, good. Halloween Show. DJ was "The Shadow". ID's as "Shadow Radio WSDW". Transylvania Polka , and other Scary Tunes! Gave Email as the_shadow6950@h... [truncated] Munsters Theme at 0301. Into Old Radio Show...The Shadow.

6950, Radio Pigmeat International, USA Pirate Nov/01 2314 UT. English, fair. Spooky Songs for Hallowe`en. OM DJ with IDs as "Radio Pigmeat Int'l Hallowe`en Show". Weird instrumental music. Address as Box 1, Belfast, NY 14711. Heard later at 0021 Playing Rockabilly/Oldies Music!! (Robert Ross, Ont., Musselman Lake DX Camp, ODXA via DXLD)

HAPPY HALLOWEEN, 6925A, 10/27/03, 2237-2345+. Weak, faded up nice, then back down 343/4- Lots of Halloween-type novelty songs, including Witch Doctor, Scooby Doo theme, Flying Purple People Eater, Devil Went Down to Georgia, GhostBusters, Addams Family theme. Lots of creepy sound effects. Repeated "Happy Halloween" at length (Bill McClintock, Wellington OH, Free Radio Weekly via DXLD)

UNID: 10/27-28/03, 6925A, 2337-0029+. "Monster Mash," "Purple People Eater," "Werewolves of London," and others. QRM from "pescadores" on 6926 (John Sedlacek, Omaha NE, ibid.)

** U S A. RANDOM TRANSMISSIONS with Frederick Moe

Hello shortwave pirate enthusiasts! After a month hiatus, Random Transmissions comes roaring back with an interview with the pirate broadcaster I consider to be the most creative on the shortwave spectrum - Alan Maxwell of KIPM. I am extremely pleased to present the in-depth and articulate interview that follows and want to publicly express my gratitude and appreciation to Alan Maxwell for this exclusive interview for the ACE newsletter.

RT: What are the origins of KIPM and what motivated you to become involved in pirate broadcasting?

AM: Well I guess the first time I put the whole idea together was while driving cross-country alone at night. I was somewhere in the middle of the desert in Utah. I was listening to a random mixture of electronic and psychedelic music. It must have been 2 or 3 AM in the morning. At some point I decided to give the music a break and put in some spoken word content which I happen to have on a cassette tape. Suddenly it occurred to me that one could get a much more emotional response if there was only a great music track to accompany the dialog. It's quite clear to me that correctly applied music tracks to the appropriate dialog profoundly increase the emotional impact to the listener. You know how movie soundtracks add an emotional depth to a picture that simply can't be achieved without the background score. I thought the same thing should apply to the medium of radio. I was also aware of others who had already done similar productions, and I found them quite intriguing. However it seemed to me that these other individuals had not put enough thought and time into the final mix. They were many times rather repetitive and rarely manipulated the music soundtrack and word content simultaneously.

I have always had interest in radio even as a child. In fact you might find one of my earliest childhood memories interesting. I was not yet 4 years old when my Grandmother gave me one of her spare transistor AM radios. I, even now, clearly remember staying up that first night in bed listening to all of these incredible signals emerging from the earphone plugged into the little rectangular radio. In fact I was so amazed by all the different stations and signals, that I actually stayed there in bed listening until the sun started to light the morning sky. This was the first time (to my knowledge) that I ever stayed up the entire night, so the magic of radio clearly made a big impression on me, even back then. As many of you know, it would not be my last time staying up all night.

So by the time I found myself driving at night in the desert that night, it didn't take much of a "eureka" to connect the idea that maybe pirate radio was the vehicle I was looking for to test out my ideas on a listener audience. I guess that's where it all started for KIPM.

RT: Which leaves one asking how you decided on KIPM and the Illuminati Prima Materia?

AM: Well I'm naturally limited to what I can say publicly about the Illuminati. (laughter) but, I will say that if one utilizes a quality dictionary, you will find several different possible definitions. For

me at least, I prefer the following:

Illuminati: persons who are or who claim to be unusually enlightened, perhaps possessing secret information.

Prima Materia: An alchemical term meaning "original matter," used psychologically to denote both the instinctual foundation of life and the raw material one works with in dreams, emotions, conflicts, etc.

If you distill it all down to three English words, you basically get something like SECRET IMPORTANT INFORMATION.

RT: So you're not part of some type of secret society?

AM: You put me in a difficult situation with this question. Best if I simply say, that I never sought out inclusion into any special groups. However with the Illuminati, one doesn't realize they are a member until it's too late to get out. Let's leave it at that.

RT: How has KIPM evolved from the first transmissions back in 1998?

AM: The show episode title sheet, which I send with QSL cards, lists KIPM shows in the order that I produced them. So the earlier produced shows have low numbers, and the more recent shows are the higher numbers. It should be obvious to anyone that has listened to my earlier shows versus the more recent productions, that I have been on quite a learning curve since the early days. This applies to all aspects of production. Now I spend more time trying to get things "right", where in the early days, I didn't even know what "right" should be. Prior to my KIPM shows, I have no prior experience producing radio material. So, it's really been a learning experience for me. Working with sound levels, audio envelopes, mixing techniques, special EFX processing, etc, etc.

Another area that the shows have become richer in production relate directly to the contributions of the other KIPM players, who have so generously and kindly assisted in performing character readings. Particularly in the Sci-Fi shows. These individuals come from the SW pirate community as well, when they are not performing as characters for KIPM shows. To these individuals I'm extremely grateful. As others have stated about the pirate radio community, it contains many unusual characters. But it also has been a source for many rewarding relationships with listeners, as well as, pirate operators. The friends I have met in the pirate radio scene in the last 5 years or so, have without a doubt been the most rewarding aspect of the entire venture.

RT: And has the content of your material evolved over time in addition

to the production techniques?

AM: I think in general the shows revolve around the same themes that I had in mind from the beginning. Maybe the newer shows are a bit more polished, but the intent is the same. You will find that the majority of my shows revolve around either sci-fi productions, philosophical rants, monologue, and existential themes. Regardless of what type of show your listen too, you will tend to find many of the same themes return in different forms and guises. A few folks have quite incorrectly come to the conclusion that my shows center around the theme of madness. Some shows have worked directly with the subject of madness, this is quite true. But the theme of madness I use simply as a vehicle to express my real agenda. Some listeners are able to look under the hood a bit deeper, and other folks apparently can't. Either way however, the shows should appeal to a listener on some level. Or that's my hope at least. Naturally the content of some of my shows quickly alienate me from those with limited reality tunnels. But to be one of the lucky few that have the ability to transmit on pirate radio, and NOT push the envelope would in my opinion be such a waste. I mean, if you want the same old crap, go get your FM or AM radio. It's all the same regardless if you live in Florida, New York, California, or even Elkhorn Nebraska! I would see it a complete waste of time to just go and do the same thing that one can get every day on syndicated radio.

RT: What's next in the future?

AM: Well I really can't say for sure. Each time I transmit, it's potentially the last time. I don't know what the future holds. Perhaps I will continue to produce new shows. Much of it is dependant of how much free time I will find on my hands in the future. I do have at least 6 new show scripts ready that I'm really excited about. But fiscal responsibilities, family, business, will dictate the time I can contribute to these future projects. I will say that being able to express oneself on the electromagnetic spectrum is extremely rewarding and addictive. If I don't continue to bring material to the pirate waves, it will be somewhere else, perhaps legit radio. But once pirate radio is in your blood, it's a hard thing to set aside. It's truly a shame that citizens don't have access to a small sliver of the spectrum for just such a purpose. If this were the case, I believe that this would be a strong indicator that we really do live in a free democracy. A place where communication of unique ideas of all kinds have a home. A place where corporate agendas, government bureaucracy, and self-interest groups can't impose their own direct or indirect censorship. The vast majority of the population today (2003) seem to neither care or even recognize they live in a reality that clearly was not the goal of the founding fathers. I'm no expert on early American history, but I can say, that excluding public access to the radio

waves to one or two mega-corporations is about as anti-American as one can get. Perhaps Clear Channel should change their name to Pravda? In the end, pirate radio transmissions are a real legitimate risk to the operator. But the reward and satisfaction of expressing oneself via the magic of radio far surpass the risks and hazards. I'm very proud to be a pirate radio operator! It's a wonderful thing to be able to express oneself without censorship, and I recommend it highly to all (Random Transmissions, Nov A*C*E via Frederick Moe, DXLD)

** U S A. RADIO: U STATION PASSES THE TEST WITH 'REAL MUSIC-LOVERS'
BY BRIAN LAMBERT Media Critic

Most of what you think about college radio is probably wrong. Certainly, the University of Minnesota's Radio K, which spent "RocKtober" celebrating its 10th anniversary, is hardly SlackerWorld.

Sure, the station's offices and studios, which occupy almost all of the sixth floor of Rarig Center on the university's West Bank, are populated with a familiar sampling of AnyCampus types.

There are the wrinkled undergrad guys, whose look of chronic sleep-deprivation may have more to do with a lack of familiarity with ironing boards than with all-nighters spent cramming for mid-quarter exams. There are the undergrad women with far better fashion manners but the same serious-minded demeanor.

These students mingle with a half-dozen university professionals, actual mortgage-paying adults, who are charged with keeping the station ó 770 AM by day and 106.5 FM on nights and weekends ó on the tracks, delivering a college-level experience to roughly 150 student employees and volunteers and broadcasting mostly new, under-promoted music to the station's listening audience. . .
http://www.twincities.com/mld/pioneerpress/7143835.htm
(via Artie Bigley, DXLD)

** U S A. Tuned in 1180 around 0645 UT Sat Nov 1 for the WJNT Jackson MS DX test, and heard Bruce Williams, hardly anything special, but for a full minute at 0658 W J N T was sent repeatedly in Morse code, followed by a voiced legal ID for WJNT, Pearl-Jackson, and CBS News. Good thruout with some QRM from the Cuban during fades (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Whoops! A reader who apparently wishes to remain anonymous wrote to say that the article on George Bud Armstrong last week was in error; St Barnabas Church is Episcopalian and liberal at that. While Mr. Armstrong did attend the Jesuits` Creighton Prep, this does not guarantee that he was Catholic at any time in his life. I assumed that the combination of a St Barnabas Church and Creighton Prep indicated

him to be Catholic; I had forgotten that some Episcopalian Churches are named after saints, particularly of the early church. Nevertheless, the short obituary for Mr. Armstrong asked that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to either St Barnabas or Creighton (Mike Dorner, editor, Catholic Radio Update Nov 3 via DXLD)

It struck me that the Catholic connexion was rather tenuous in the first place, not to mention that it was really about another person, Storz, but I ran it as an interesting item of broadcast history (gh, DXLD)

** U S A. AMATEUR RADIO SUPPORT CONTINUES IN CALIFORNIA FIRE DISASTER

Ham radio volunteers continue to play a role in the ongoing fire emergency in Southern California. A dozen fires, some of them massive, now have burned some 750,000 acres and claimed 20 lives, most of them in the hard-hit San Diego area. Thousands of residents have been evacuated. ARRL San Diego Section Manager Kent Tiburski, K6FQ, says a shift in winds has moved the fire danger away from San Diego proper, but hams continue to supplement communication at two of nine shelters in the area --- one at Mountain Empire and a second in Borrego Springs, where hams from Imperial County have been assisting.

``We`ve been busy,`` Tiburski said October 29. ``This is by far the worst disaster we`ve ever experienced.`` He estimated that approximately 200 Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) and Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) volunteers have participated so far in the fire emergency with about 100 in the field at any given time.

Tiburski says hams have been assisting American Red Cross relief efforts, primarily in terms of logistics and working with damage assessment teams. Others have provided liaison between the California Department of Forestry and the Red Cross, which is providing meals and shelter for firefighters. Nearly 13,000 firefighters and support personnel have been deployed in California to battle the fires.

The fires have claimed nearly 1200 homes in San Diego County alone, Tiburski reported, and burned some 450,000 acres. ``Everybody I`ve talked with --- to a person --- knows someone personally or knows of someone who has lost a house,`` he said. Mount Palomar --- home of the famous observatory --- was evacuated, Tiburski said, and firefighters were making a special effort to protect telecommunications sites there as well.

Although the hot, dry Santa Ana winds have abated, Tiburski notes that a stiff onshore breeze is now driving the fires to the east.

San Diego Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network (SATERN) Coordinator Paul Cook, N6RPF, reports he and other SATERN members have been providing communication assistance for The Salvation Army`s relief efforts. They`ve had help from other amateurs as well, he said.

At least a half-dozen Salvation Army emergency disaster services canteens are providing meals to evacuees and firefighters. SATERN National Director Pat McPherson, WW9E, said SATERN is keeping relief teams in contact with each other as well as supporting communication for firefighters, police and emergency responders.

Elsewhere in California, ARRL Orange Section Manager Carl Gardenias, WU6D, says that Amateur Radio operators continue working with relief agencies in that part of the state. ``We actually have more Amateur Radio operators available than the Red Cross shelters can use,`` he said. With ARES teams and other ham radio volunteers from Riverside, San Bernardino and Orange counties available, the hams have been able to rotate shifts.

``The intensity of these fires has never been at this level before,`` Gardenias said, comparing the current situation with fire emergencies in the recent past.

At the Red Cross shelters --- where more and more displaced people are showing up --- hams have been ``shadowing`` shelter managers, communicating shelter supply requests, and helping with health-and-welfare inquiries for shelter clients, Gardenias said. Amateur Radio also is serving to keep shelters in touch with the Red Cross regional headquarters.

At least 1000 evacuees are taking refuge in a former TWA hangar at the San Bernardino airport.

Amateur Radio SSTV equipment was being used to assist firefighters in San Bernardino. The radio equipment and operators go out on the fire trucks and report what they see back to the command center, Gardenias explained.

In the Los Angeles Section SM Phineas Icenbice, W6BF, reports the Stevenson Ranch fires and Arrowhead are the ``very hot spots,`` and firefighting helicopters and crews are using water from nearby Magic Mountain Amusement Park and from golf courses to help douse the flames. Smoke was heavy October 29 in the San Fernando Valley where Icenbice lives.

Amateur Radio operators also are assisting at Red Cross shelters in the Los Angeles area as well as helping the relief agency to locate

and establish new shelters. Icenbice said the problem areas appear to be the outer areas of Los Angeles County and in the mountains. Hams have been helping to locate people left homeless because of the fires.

California Gov Gray Davis has declared states of emergency in five counties. As this letter is prepared on October 31, cool and foggy weather have helped to stall the wildfires` progress. --- Steve Ewald, WV1X, contributed information for this report (ARRL Letter Oct 31 via John Norfolk, DXLD)

** U S A. CLUB TO MARK VETERANS DAY, LEMAY BIRTHDAY

To recognize Veterans Day and the birth anniversary of Gen Curtis E. LeMay, the Strategic Air Command Memorial Amateur Radio Club http://www.sacmarc.org will operate K0AIR and K0GRL as special event stations Tuesday, November 11, from 1200 until 2400 UTC. Operation will take place in the General-class phone bands on or near frequencies ending in 47 (for 1947 when the US Air Force became an independent branch of the military): 3.947, 7.247, 14.247, 21.347 and 28.347 MHz. Operation also will occur on 51.47 MHz and 146.46 MHz FM simplex.

While Commander-in-Chief, Strategic Air Command at Offutt Air Force Base near Omaha, LeMay held K0GRL through the 1950s. He later became K4FRA, when he served as USAF Vice Chief of Staff and Chief of Staff, and he became W6EZV when he retired in California. Include an SASE with QSL card requests to SACMARC, K0AIR/K0GRL, PO Box 1292 Bellevue, NE 68005-1292 (Darwin Piatt, W9HZC via ARRL October 29 via John Norfolk, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. CAN HEWITT STOP CLOCK? --- by Joe Hagan

That stopwatch stops for no man.

Don Hewitt, the 80-year-old executive producer, inventor, backbone and spiritual stiff upper lip of CBSí 60 Minutes, has always been a man who valued the blunt truth. As Mr. Hewitt told Larry King on CNN last year, he preferred the days when politicians called each other "a son of a bitch instead of a dirty liberal or a dirty Republican." Don Hewitt likes honesty.

So it came as no surprise when, on Friday, Oct. 24, producers at 60 Minutes began mumbling about a letter the TV legend had allegedly typed up --- and some said circulated --- in which Mr. Hewitt criticized CBS News as a broken organization littered with failing news programs and proposed that CBS News reconsider his forced retirement in June 2004.

After all, Don Hewitt was just being honest. He had invented the best thing CBS News ever had, and he knew best how to run it...
http://www.observer.com/pages/nytv.asp
(NY Observer Nov 2 via DXLD)

That URL will soon contain another story; see Joe Hagan archives:
http://www.observer.com/pages/author_look.asp?Author=Joe%20Hagan
(gh, DXLD)

** VIETNAM [non]. Heard Vietnam via Canada tonight. First time since last Tuesday. Assume it was propagation (John H. Carver, Jr., Mid-North IN, UT Nov 2, DX LISTENING DIGEST) 6175 at 01, 0230, 0330?

** VIETNAM [non]. Degar Voice program in Vietnamese/Khmer? to Vietnam/Cambodia on 7180 at 1300-1330 Tue/Thu/Sat only via Chita, Russia, 250 kW at 194 degrees (Michael Bethge, Germany, WWDXC Germany Oct 28, BC-DX via DXLD)

** WESTERN SAHARA [non]. 7460 R. Nacional de la Rep˙blica ¡rabe Saharaui Democr·tica, Western Sahara Nov/01 2047-2305 UTC Arabic/Spanish, good, Arabic Chants at tune in. Arabic string and percussion music. Fanfares and many mentions of Arabiya. String and flute music. Mentions of "Sahara`` at 2133. Into Spanish program at 2300. Full ID in Arabic and Spanish at 2300 (Robert Ross, Ont., Musselman Lake DX Camp, ODXA via DXLD)

** ZANZIBAR. 11734, TANZANIA (presumed), V. of Tanzania-Zanzibar (presumed), 1927-1945, Nov. 1, OM with continuous talks through BoH, sounds African, music at 1938 followed by more talk, weak, beginning to fade out under QRN at BoH, unusable by 1945. I don`t think this was splatter from 11735, V. of Korea in Arabic (Scott R. Barbour, Jr., Intervale, NH, R75, MLB-1, RS longwire with RBA balun, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 1680, UNID LA. Thanks to our new member Hans ÷stnell for some nice and also exciting mails. Hans sent a recording from an unID LA heard on 1680 kHz, hybrid between SW and MW which means it also places for SWB in my opinion. The DJ clearly states it is not only a new station, but also "a totally new station ....". He says something phonetically sounding like "de buena raza... (as said, phonetically) and then "°QuÈ Buena 16-80!". Here in Quito astonishingly very little is heard on the X-band but naturally I will check the frequency (Bj^rn Malm, Quito, Ecuador, SW Bulletin Nov 2, translated by editor Thomas Nilsson for DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED [non]. DITTER II --- THE RETURN OF THE DITTER

Some solid teamwork between the FCC and the ARRL and accurate direction-finding led some Amateur Radio volunteers to the source of an unidentified and continuous string of dits being transmitted without identification on 14.024.8 MHz. The situation last week was eerily similar to one more than three years ago, when another volunteer eventually tracked down another ``ditter`` http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2000/07/28/2/ on the West Coast that had plagued 20 meters. After receiving reports of the more recent signal, ARRL Field and Regulatory Correspondent Chuck Skolaut, K0BOG, found he was able to copy it from ARRL Headquarters. The ARRL called upon the FCC`s HF Direction Finding (HFDF) facility in Maryland to get a bearing on the signal.

``Really aggravating,`` is how the HFDF facility`s Betty Mallay, KL7AP, described it. ``Of course, it doesn`t help when others try to `dit-dit-dit` along with it,`` she added wryly.

The HFDF facility was able to localize the signal`s source to vicinity of Houston, Texas. Skolaut then called on ARRL South Texas Official Observer Coordinator Carl Griffin, KA5KQZ, to see if any of his volunteers had direction-finding equipment that could pin it down.

Two of them --- who prefer to remain anonymous --- took on the challenge. Their DFing led to a location in a Houston suburb that was within three miles of where the FCC`s HFDF facility said it would be.

As in the earlier case, ``Ditter II`` apparently had no idea his station was transmitting. ``I called him on the phone, and he went and checked the station and it had something up against the keyer,`` one of the volunteers said in his report to Griffin. ``He was embarrassed.`` Left unanswered was why the unidentified amateur`s transmitter was powered up and ready to transmit in the first place.

Complimenting the OOs on their quick work, South Texas Section Manager Ray Taylor, N5NAV, took a philosophical view. ``I monitored it several times with about S7 signal,`` he said. ``We all make mistakes at times.`` (ARRL Letter Oct 31 via John Norfolk, DXLD)

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THE DX HANDBOOK

The DX Handbook produced by Salvo MiccichÈ: 106 pages, .PDF file ready to be printed. An extensive list of frequencies, informations, details
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about all stations from LF to 30 MHz, tables, maps. It's an outstanding job that an amateur offers - for free - to everyone interested in radio listening and DXing. You can have it from http://radioascolto.org/html/index.php -- Left menu - click on 'DX Handbook' icon (Good DX, Enrico Oliva via HCDX via SW Bulletin Nov 2 via DXLD)

NUEVA LISTA: UTILITYWORLD

Salvos amigos todo de la lista; escribo este mail, para presentarvos una nueva lista: Utilityworld, dÛnde predominantemente se habla de utility. La lista ha nacido de pocas horas, y al momento ya cuenta sobre unos 60 miembros. La p·gina web del grupo es:
http://it.groups.yahoo.com/group/Utilityworld /
para apuntarse directamente mandar un mensaje vacÌo a:
Utilityworld-subscribe@yahoogroups.com
Con la esperanza de hallarvos en esta nueva lista os saludo todo.
Giovanni Urso IZ8ELM, Napoli, Oct 31, ConexiÛn Digital via DXLD)

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SOLAR FORECASTERS PLEAD FOR HELP AS SOLAR STORMS RAGE

In a stroke of good timing, space weather officials came to Capitol Hill on Thursday to plead for more money for the agency in charge of forecasting geomagnetic storms and solar flares, such as the storm hitting Earth. . .
http://www.msnbc.com/modules/exports/ct_email.asp?/news/987071.asp
(via Russ Edmunds, NRC-AM via DXLD)

WHAT IS SPACE WEATHER, AND WHO SHOULD FORECAST IT

Testimony of Dr. Ernest Hildner, NOAA, at House Science Committee Space Weather Hearing (part 1)

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OCTOBER 30, 2003
http://www.spaceref.com/news/viewsr.html?pid=10844
(via Jilly Dybka, KF4ZEO, DXLD)

ARNIE CORO'S HF PLUS LOW BAND VHF PROPAGATION UPDATE AND FORECAST

Imagine an effective sunspot number of 322 UNITS, no that was not a mistake when I read it on the air, and it was not a misprint. The sudden fantastic upswing in solar activity brought the SSN index way above the 300 mark on Monday UT day, and the daily solar flux was well past the 250 units mark during early Tuesday UT day. And this amigos means that when the present period of high and very high solar activity comes to an end and the solar flux starts to move downwards, we are going to enjoy what in my opinion is going to be one of the best periods of short wave propagation conditions in a long, long time. So be ready, as they may start happening very soon, during the very early days of November with possible 6 meter band world wide openings, the 10 meter band open even during the local evening hours, and other phenomena characteristic of periods of peak solar activity (Prof. Arnaldo Coro Antich, CO2KK, RHC DXers Unlimited Oct 28 via DXLD)

SOLAR UPDATE

Solar swami Tad ``Radio Blackout`` Cook, K7RA, Seattle, Washington, reports:

Solar excitement continued this week. As this bulletin is being written Thursday night, an extreme geomagnetic storm is in progress. The mid latitude K index has been as high as 9, and severe space weather is predicted for the short term. Average daily sunspot numbers more than doubled this week to 201.4. Average daily solar flux was nearly double that of the previous week at 249.

Average daily sunspot numbers for the week have not been this high since the week of November 7-13, 2002, when it was 205.4. For solar flux, we go back to the week of January 24-30, 2002 when the average daily solar flux was 249.6.

On Friday, October 24, a coronal mass ejection swept by earth around 1500 UTC. The planetary K index went as high as 7, and aurora borealis was seen as far as the southern United States. On Sunday, October 26 an X-class solar flare at 0650 UTC was followed by another one twelve hours later at 1850 UTC. On October 28 one of the most powerful solar flares seen in many years hurled a cloud of particles traveling 5 million miles per hour toward earth. This triggered an S-3 class solar radiation storm, and the next day the planetary A index shot up to 189, and mid-latitude A index was 199. On that day,

October 29, an intense geomagnetic storm raged in response to a coronal mass ejection that hit earth around 0630 UTC. Another powerful coronal mass ejection hit earth on October 30.

This weekend is the ARRL November CW Sweepstakes. Conditions could be good if the geomagnetic disturbances cool down. Currently, the predicted planetary A index for Friday through Monday, October 31 through November 3 is 100, 30, 15 and 15. The latest solar flux forecast for those same days is 265, 260, 255 and 255.

Sunspot numbers for October 23 through 29 were 122, 160, 139, 191, 238, 230 and 330, with a mean of 201.4. 10.7 cm flux was 209.3, 190.6, 221.5, 298.3, 257.2, 274.4 and 291.7, with a mean of 249. Estimated planetary A indices were 7, 34, 14, 10, 15, 20 and 189, with a mean of 41.3 (ARRL Letter Oct 31 via John Norfolk, DXLD)

YET ANOTHER SOLAR FLARE --- THOMAS F. GIELLA, KN4LF, REPORTS:

As of approximately 1710 UT today we are experiencing a new huge X8+ class solar flare and associated shortwave blackout on the sun light side of Earth centered on the America's. D layer absorption is impacting as high as 30,000 kHz and climbing rapidly. I was listening to the BBC on 21470 kHz when it abruptly disappeared!

Also a new elevated energetic proton level of greater than 10 MeV (10+o) has begun, which is a tip of that another geo-effective (Earth Facing) Coronal Mass Ejection (CME) is on the way and probably renewed geomagnetic storming.

KN4LF Daily Solar Space Weather & Geomagnetic Data Archive
Plus Daily HF/MF Radio Propagation Outlook:
http://www.kn4lf.com/kn4lf5.htm

Florida Space & Atmospheric Weather Institute:
http://www.kn4lf.com/fsawi.htm

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At 1725Z 2-XI-2003 an X9.2 flare occurred. Radio blackout is in progress on the sunlit side of the Earth. Estimated time to recovery: 1H 14M. Flare was possibly from region 488. The greater than 100 MeV Proton readings are quite elevated. This might have a possible CME associated with it. However, if the flare is from region 488, it will only glance us, if there is a CME. More info at
http://prop.hfradio.org/
73 de (Tomas, NW7US (AAR0JA/AAM0EWA), 1909 UT Nov 2, swbc via DXLD)

Yes, very likely trouble ahead, probably around Tea Time To-Morrow, as these CME's have been pretty fast. It has been suggested that this one may not have a CME fully directed at earth. For more up to date news try http://www.trsc.com (Jan Alvestad was planning a Report this Afternoon) http://www.SpaceWeather.com

NOAA Report entered into http://www.google.co.uk after 2210 UT To-night (Sunday 2nd November 2003) (Ken Fletcher, 1935 UT, 2nd November 2003, BDXC-UK via DXLD)

Link to Jan Alvestad's Solar Reports: http://www.dxlc.com/solar/ (BDXC-UK moderator via DXLD)

DXLD 3-195: ANOTHER Brilliant Propagation Round-Up, well done Glenn and also to your correspondents, absolutely fascinating interpretations of the 'raw' Data. I have learnt quite a lot from these recent round ups. Many Thanks (Ken Fletcher, UK, 1st November 2003, DX LISTENING DIGEST) ###